

(e) a dark line formed by speckles extending from the base of the bill towards the ear-coverts. This character is shared with at least three races of *Anas superciliosa* (vide Delacour's THE WATERFOWL OF THE WORLD 2 : 62) but does not occur in *poecilorhyncha*.

The westernmost record of *zonorhyncha* is still Inglis's from Bihar, which is now at the Yale University, and whose identity is confirmed by Dr. Ripley. But there is also no doubt that the earlier records from Assam were correct and there was no need to discard them.

The number of mistakes that have dogged the descriptions and accounts of this species is indeed remarkable—even the colleague whose birds Stuart Baker first identified as *zonorhyncha* has had his name written as Mandy, Mondy, and Mundy in the notes referred to above !

However there can now be no doubt that *A. p. zonorhyncha*, The Chinese Grey Duck, is a fairly regular winter visitor to eastern Assam, and once strayed as far west as Darbhanga in Bihar.

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## 7. THE PINKHEADED DUCK [*RHODONESSA CARYOPHYLLACEA* (LATHAM)] AGAIN

(With a plate)

This is to inform the Bombay Natural History Society that, in the year 1947 on the 27th January in the afternoon, I shot a Pinkheaded Duck [*Rhodonessa caryophyllacea* (Latham)] at Manroopa Lake in Khagaria subdivision, Dist. Monghyr, in my Estate area known as Bahadurpur Estate. The said duck, six in number, took off from Manroopa jheel and came over me and I shot only one. Sir Hugh Dow, Governor of Bihar, and Mr. E. O. Lee, I.C.S., Member of the Board of Revenue, Bihar, were in the shoot. The latter gave me a letter of testimony which read that the Pinkheaded Duck is rarely found in India and he congratulated me, but this letter is misplaced at present.

Again in 1948-49 I saw some Pinkheaded Duck on the Lake Manroopa, about 5 to 8 of them, but they did not come over me so I could not shoot.

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